

## THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

INFORMATION  
FOR EVERYBODYBrief Mention of the News, Both  
General and Personal.

## OF MATTERS OF INTEREST

Notes of More Than Passing Notice,  
Concise Written That Much May  
Be Said in Little Space—Condensed  
News for Those Who Read Quickly  
and Those Who Have No Time to  
Spare to Learn What Is Going on  
in the City and Surrounding Sec-  
tion.

The Board of Trade will meet shortly  
to take up the matter of asking the  
government to insert in the contracts  
made for carrying mail that Portsm-  
mouth be included. This will require  
all steamboats and trains to deliver  
mail for this city in this city, and not  
in Norfolk.

There are eight entertainments an-  
nounced for this afternoon and to-  
night.

The new Opera House is about com-  
pleted. All that is needed now are the  
seats and scenery.

Mr. Willie Arlington left last night  
for Southern Pines to be present at the  
festivities there to-day.

All the schools, both public and pri-  
vate, gave holidays yesterday until  
Friday in honor of Washington's birth-  
day.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary O'Brien  
will take place at 9:30 this morning  
from the residence, and at 10 p. m.  
from the chapel, on King street.

The members of the Carpenters and  
Joiners' Union are requested to meet  
this evening at 7:30 o'clock to attend  
the lecture of E. V. Debs in Norfolk.

Miss Annie Campbell, of Petersburg,  
is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs.  
Mary McLaughlin, on Washington  
street.

The first Ocean View shad will be  
brought to market one day this  
week.

The liquor license of Mr. Charles  
White was yesterday transferred to  
Frank Farley.

Mrs. Lee Britt, of Suffolk, delivered  
an address yesterday afternoon before  
the Woman's Missionary Society of  
Central Church.

The Portsmouth Rifle Company will  
meet to-night to make preparations to  
be mustered into service.

Mr. Thomas Hodges has disposed of  
his daily lunch room on High street  
and has purchased the stock of gro-  
ceries of Allen & Jarvis, and will con-  
tinue the business there.

George Nash, of New York, but  
formerly of this city, arrived in the  
city yesterday on a visit to his mother  
and brothers in Park View.

The dust was terrible yesterday. It  
came down the streets in clouds.

The County Court was not in session  
yesterday, and will not be again until  
Friday.

A negro named Jack Barnes was sent  
to the county jail yesterday in default  
of a peace bond, he having threatened  
to kill his wife.

Lieutenant Only received a telephone  
message yesterday from Boston, asking  
that the body of Mr. Riley, who died  
in the fall, be held until relatives ar-  
rived. He had been buried.

The Robertson tract of land, consist-  
ing of five acres, at the corner of South  
street and the old Deep Creek  
road, was sold at auction yesterday for  
\$6,250. Mr. Chas. R. Robertson became  
the purchaser.

Mrs. Belle Barlow won one of the  
prizes at Mrs. Culpepper's entertain-  
ment, Tuesday night, and Mr. Thomas  
Owens the other. Mrs. Barlow's prize  
was a Japanese waiter, and Mr. Owens'  
two Japanese figures.

This is George Washington's birth-  
day. It will be appropriately ob-  
served.

Four port representatives are at the  
postoffice daily and will be for the next  
thirty days, weighing up all mail mat-  
ter sent from this office over the dif-  
ferent railroads running South, so that  
an estimate can be made for the next  
contract, which will begin July 1st.

The S. A. L. Band, forty pieces, went  
off yesterday to Southern Pines, to re-  
turn Friday morning.

The town clock has not struck for  
two days and the public are asking  
where duty it is to attend to it.

The Southern Bell cable between  
Portsmouth and Norfolk was out of  
order last night and no communication  
by phone could be made.

A square Steinway piano is offered  
for sale. For particulars see ad. in  
another column.

The Junior Musical Association of the  
First Presbyterian Church will give a  
Colonial Tea at the chapel this evening  
at 8:15. Some of the best talent in the  
city will take part.

The public is invited to the Colonial  
Cream Party, which will be given at  
the Monumental Methodist Church lecture-  
room at 4 p. m. for the children. Go  
and see them in Colonial dress. A  
grand program and refreshments  
served. Silver offering. The entertain-  
ment will be repeated at night for old  
people.

There was a delightful entertainment  
given at Olive Branch Church last  
Tuesday night for the benefit of the  
church. Quite a nice sum was realized.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Chas. King,  
in carrying a desk from one side of  
High street to the other, slipped and  
fell and hurt his jaw quite badly, be-  
sides cutting his foot quite badly. For  
some time he suffered considerably.

A number of Elks went to Baltimore  
last night to be present at the opening  
of the new Elks' Hall in Baltimore.

Mr. Charles White is quite sick at his  
home on South street.

The storm last night was quite severe.  
Outdoor work was very disagreeable.

A number of wires were blown down  
last night, making it dangerous for  
people to be out.

A meeting of the committee appointed  
to locate the free phones met before  
the Council meeting and decided upon  
the place to locate them. They also  
had the assurance from the company  
that their wishes would be complied  
with.

**Nervous Headache Cured**  
Speedily. No danger by Hick's Capu-  
dine. 15 and 25c. at drug stores.

## OLD DOMINION GUARDS.

Celebrated Washington's Birthday in  
Cuba One Year Ago.

To-day, one year ago, the Old Do-  
minion Guards of this city, late of the  
Fourth Virginia Regiment, while on a  
practice march through the interior of  
Cuba, in part of the third brigade  
of the Seventh Army Corps, pitched  
tents in the rear of San Antonio, a  
beautiful city of about 20,000 inhab-  
itants, where the "big three," compris-  
ing the Forty-ninth Iowa, Sixth Mis-  
souri and Fourth Virginia, held full  
sway—the birthday of immortal  
George. No doubt the minds of those  
who took active part in the celebra-  
tion of the 22d are refreshed by the  
strange and funny experiences they  
had while being entertained by the  
pretty Senoritas of which Cuba is fa-  
mously fairly swarmed in camp to  
welcome the boys, who were footsore  
and hungry, to the bamboo huts and  
mansions of San Antonio. Many a dry  
throat was moistened by refreshments  
on every hand. The writer can recall  
many amusing events that happened  
during his limit in town, and how  
those who joined in the musical enter-  
tainment at El Capitan San Jo's man-  
sion in Maceo street; how those who  
failed to answer "Here!" at retreat  
were punished by being placed in an  
old oxen cart, particularly those who  
took part in the Cuban celebration of  
the beginning of war Spain vs. Cuba  
at night; how the boys were received  
at San Juan Theatre, the visit to the  
cathedral across the stream, the Span-  
ish prison and other places in and  
around San Antonio; the numerous  
fights of those who imbibed too freely  
of Cuba's cheap booze; the beautiful  
scenery; last, but not least, the tin-  
pan parade and the illumination of the  
whole brigade's camp and blockhouses.  
George Washington's birthday should  
never be forgotten by the soldiers who  
celebrated it at San Antonio, Cuba, one  
year ago to-day.

## A SAD CASE.

Tuesday night an elderly lady, who  
is nearly three score years and ten, was  
carried to the county jail charged with  
being on a protracted spree and being  
disorderly. The jailor's wife refused to  
allow her to be locked up, but let her  
remain out in the hall. Yesterday she  
was partially sober, and presented a  
sad aspect indeed. All who saw her  
could not help feeling sorry for her. It  
is a case in which the Christian Fea-  
ther Union might look after, and  
perhaps they might lend her a helping  
hand in her declining years and bring  
her back to what she formerly was.

The woman has had much trouble of  
late, and possibly that might have  
driven her to act like she is doing.

REPORTED FOR VIOLATING THE  
LAW.

Yesterday morning Officer Dillsburg  
made a report to Mayor Blair that three  
cars were being run on the Port Nor-  
folk road in violation of the law in hav-  
ing no window-panes in the vestibules  
attached to the cars. He said that one  
man, who was compelled to run on Sun-  
day last with the glasses out, was now  
confined to his bed with pneumonia  
from cold taken in that way.

He was instructed to inform the su-  
perintendent of the company that glass-  
es must be put in the windows,  
otherwise they would be summoned be-  
fore the Mayor.

HOW THE DAY WILL BE OB-  
SERVED.

Washington's birthday will be more  
generally observed to-day than it has  
been for years.

Work to some extent will be sus-  
pended in the yard. The railroad shops  
and offices will be closed; the postoffice  
will keep Sunday hours, and the banks  
will be closed. A salute will be fired  
at noon in honor of the occasion. A  
number of the labor unions will go over  
to Norfolk at night to hear Eugene V.  
Debs speak on the labor question. A  
number of entertainments will be held  
in different places around the city.  
Grimes Battery will fire a salute at sun-  
rise.

## NAVY-YARD NOTES.

The officers of the Norwegian train-  
ing ship visited the yard yesterday and  
were entertained by the Admiral. All  
the officers were drawn up in a line  
in full dress uniform. Later in the  
evening they left with the staff for the  
Chamberlin Hotel to attend the ball  
last night given by the army to the  
navy officers and visitors. They visited  
the Reina Mercedes in the afternoon  
and other points of interest. To-day all  
the officers and crew will have general  
muster and will be dressed in full reg-  
imentals. The war orders will be  
read, etc.

## NAVAL ORDERS.

The following naval orders have been  
issued:

Lieutenant M. M. Taylor is detached  
from the yard and is going to Washing-  
ton and to the Asiatic station, sailing  
from San Francisco February 27.

Assistant Surgeon Karl Ohnesorge is  
attached to temporary duty at the  
Naval Academy.

Lieutenant W. H. Alderice is de-  
tached from the Dolphin and granted  
three months leave of absence.

Lieutenant B. F. Hutchinson is de-  
tached from the Independence and will  
wait orders.

## AN ORDERLY CITY.

The people of Portsmouth are the  
most law-abiding people that can be  
found in the State; there is seldom a  
case before the Mayor outside of drunk-  
enness or disorderly conduct, and they  
are nearly always colored. For two  
days there has not been an arrest, con-  
sequently the Mayor has had nothing to  
do. This frequently occurs, and  
sometimes it will run for a week that  
way.

## A QUIET MARRIAGE.

A quiet marriage was celebrated last  
night at St. John's P. E. Church. The  
contracting parties were Mr. Wm. H.  
Williams and Miss Blanche Renshaw.  
The ceremony was performed by Rev.  
Mr. Farland, pastor of the church. At  
the conclusion they were driven to the  
residence of the bride's parents, cor-  
ner of London and Effingham streets,  
where a reception was given to a few  
relatives.

## THE STORM LAST NIGHT.

This city was visited last night by a  
severe storm from the southeast. It  
was accompanied by heavy rain, and  
for about two hours the wind blew very  
strong. A number of trees around the  
city were blown down, sign boards were  
blown to the ground and a number of  
poles were blown down. The roof of a  
new house in Park View was blown  
off and much other damage was done.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed  
to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's old  
stand.

A CONFERENCE  
OF COUNCILMENAn Informal Discussion of the Nor-  
folk-Berkley Bridge Bill.

## FERRY LESSEES HEARD

All Present Express Themselves as  
Opposed to the Proposed Bridge  
Across the Elizabeth-Various Sug-  
gestions as to the Best Way to  
Fight the Charter Bill Now Before  
the Legislature.

A meeting of the City Council was  
called for last night, but only nine  
members were present, Messrs. King,  
Ballentine, Murden, Palmer, Williams,  
Jones, Reed, Montague and Cold.

The president stated that the meeting  
had been called for the purpose of con-  
sidering the Berkley bridge question,  
but a quorum not being present, no  
action could be taken, other than an  
expression of opinion. He would like  
to hear the opinion of the members on  
the question.

Mr. Montague stated that he had  
appeared before the Legislative Com-  
mittee in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Glover suggested that the matter  
be referred to the Ferry Committee, to  
formulate a plan to be acted on and  
report to the Council at a meeting to  
be called for Friday night, but if the  
committee should learn that the bill is  
to be called up before the meeting could  
be held that they use their own judg-  
ment about what to do.

The lessees of the ferry being present,  
they were called upon to make a state-  
ment in regard to the bill.

Mr. Wool gave the Council such in-  
formation as he had, and made some  
remarks pertinent to the bill.

Mr. Reed spoke in opposition to the  
bill. He thought that the interests of  
Portsmouth would be injured by the  
bridge.

The value of real estate here would  
also be reduced. He, for one, was in  
favor of fighting the bill.

Mr. Glover made a motion and said  
that he thought it would be a good  
idea for the president to fill the vac-  
ancy on the committee, and that they  
meet to-day and discuss the matter.

The clerk was instructed to telegraph  
Senator Maynard to try and hold the  
bill off until the city could be heard  
from, but if he cannot, to notify the  
Ferry Committee, so that they may  
appear before the Senatorial Com-  
mittee and be heard.

Mr. King said that there was another  
important matter that he would like  
to have brought before the Council.  
That is the question of appointing a  
committee to confer with the trans-  
portation companies in reference to  
bringing mail to Portsmouth that is  
intended for this city, and have a  
clause inserted in the contracts re-  
quiring this to be done. If the com-  
mittee saw the companies, the postmas-  
ter will attend to the arrangement end of  
it. He said that he thought the com-  
mittee should work with the postmas-  
ter.

After considerable discussion the  
president was requested to take such  
action as he deemed necessary.

## PINNER'S POINT NOTES.

Mr. W. W. Richardson, one of Pin-  
ner's Point's most highly appreciated  
citizens and one who has been with the  
Southern Railway Company for many  
years, was very suddenly seized with a  
severe stroke of paralysis Monday  
night about 10 o'clock, and up to a late  
hour yesterday afternoon he had not  
shown any signs of recovery. Mr.  
Richardson was enjoying usually good  
health up to the very hour of the stroke.  
Dr. Frazier and Dr. Earnest arrived  
and administered all possible aid.

## DICK TURPIN'S TUNNEL FOUND.

One Caves In Under a Huntsman and  
Seriously Injures Him.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Wednesday  
night, while returning from a run with  
the well-known Highgate harriers,  
Thomas Henry Blake, of Kingsdown  
road, was suddenly missed from the  
pack in South Standard. On  
gate, says the London Standard, "On  
his companions going back to search  
for him it was discovered that there  
had been a subsidence in the roadway  
and that Blake had disappeared in the  
cavity, which was about six feet wide  
and fifteen feet deep. Blake, who was  
seriously injured about the legs, was  
pulled out of the hole and taken to the  
police station close by. Dr. G. Fletcher,  
the police divisional surgeon, attended  
to his injuries and then allowed him  
to be taken home. The police informed  
the local authorities of the subsidence,  
and in a short time Mr. Blair, the sur-  
veyor and engineer of the St. Pancras  
vestry, and other officials were upon  
the scene.

The examination of the cavity led to  
the discovery that the upper portion of  
a subterraneous passage had collapsed,  
and on tracing the course of this pas-  
sage another was discovered. The main  
tunnel, which is said to have shat-  
tered Black Bess, it is supposed that  
these subterraneous passages were con-  
structed to give ready means of escape  
from the house in time of danger.

## A BREACH OF COMPACT.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

When the junior member of a well-  
known law firm got married, about two  
months ago, he entered into a compact  
with his bride which was designed as  
a preventive of conviviality. In his  
bachelor days he was known as a jolly  
good fellow, which is the same thing  
as saying that sometimes he was jolly  
bad fellow; so when he got married, as  
a safeguard against the allurements  
of old comrades, he said to his wife:

"Now, my dear, I shall only drink  
when you do. We shall have liquid re-  
freshments in the house, and as you  
have no conscientious scruples against  
moderate drinking, all temptation to  
drink outside will be removed." So the  
compact was made, and religiously kept  
until last Tuesday, when some old col-  
lege friends from New York drifted into  
the young lawyer's office. Nothing  
would do but they must go over to the  
Bellevue and have something. In vain  
the Benedict protested. His protests  
grew feebler and feebler, and finally  
he fell. But he did it in this way:  
Stepping into the crepe office, he  
sent this dispatch to his wife: "Have  
a drink with me." When this reached  
her she was considerably mystified, but,  
like a dutiful wife, she did as she was  
bade. Ten minutes later came another  
telegram which read: "Let's have an-  
other." She took another, wondering-  
ly, a tiny sip of claret. Shortly after-  
wards came another message reading:  
"One more, and this is the last." But  
it wasn't. This was followed by an-  
other: "Whoop? Take this with  
me." By this time the young wife was  
in tears, which only flowed faster as  
other telegrams poured in upon her.  
When her husband came home to din-  
ner in a cab at 6 o'clock she had flown  
to the sheltering arms of her mother.

## A SPION KOP LEGEND.

(London Telegraph.)  
Pertaining to the elevated scene of  
Sir Charles Warren's latest feat at  
arms there is a native legend which  
runs thus: Many years since there died  
a celebrated Zulu chief. At his obse-  
quies there gathered a notable band of  
warriors and others. In the midst of  
the assembly, suddenly an enormous  
python put in an appearance. A youth-  
ful warrior, thirsting for glory, sprang  
forward and struck the reptile with  
some description of lethal weapon. The  
blow severed the creature's tail from  
its body. The chief witch doctor pre-  
sented reprehended the act, and averred  
the python was the spook of a warlike  
ancestor of the departed chief. The  
creature, deprived of its tail, recovered  
health in time; and, though stump-  
tailed, became sacred. Ever since the  
story has found believers.

The Boers, superstitious as they are,  
soon lent a willing ear, and the story  
became mixed up in their own some-  
what prolific spookology. Certain it is  
this stump-tailed snake—or another of  
the same pattern—appears from time to  
time. At every appearance, it is al-  
leged by the Boers of the neighborhood,  
some event of great potent is on the  
taple. Perhaps, if this snake has re-  
cently appeared, it may have had  
something to say about the relief of  
Ladysmith, or the advent of Sir Charles  
Warren.

Spion Kop means the hill of spying,  
and was so called because the Boer  
Boerrekkers flying from British law  
and restrictions, when they crossed the  
Drakensberg, paused at this hill to spy  
out the savage land, and to decide in  
what direction they should move.

Whitson Printing Company are print-  
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prices.

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For the next thirty days we will offer  
the best building lots in Park View for  
sale cheap. Sewer connections guaran-  
teed with every sale. Buy now, before  
the usual rise in prices in the spring,  
and save from 5 to 10 per cent. Re-  
member we offer special inducements  
for thirty days only. Will be glad to  
show you our property.

THE SEABOARD REAL ESTATE CO.,  
No. 214 High street (upstairs).  
Insurance solicited.

## DIED.

O'BRIEN.—At her residence, No. 220  
Henry street, Portsmouth, Va., February  
19, 1900, at 10:30 p. m., MARY, beloved  
wife of Michael O'Brien, aged 51 years.  
Funeral services at St. Paul's Catholic  
Chapel THIS (Thursday) MORNING at  
10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are  
invited to attend.

FOR SALE—A GROCERY AND LIQU-  
OR store, near corner of Academy and  
Queen streets; good reason for selling.  
Apply to J. T. WEST on premises, Feb. 21-22

## NOTICE.

All members of Local Union, No. 47,  
Carpenters and Joiners of America, are  
requested to meet at their hall THIS  
(Thursday) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock  
sharp, for the purpose of attending the  
lecture of E. V. Debs at the Academy of  
Music.

W. McA. REVELL,  
Recording Secretary.  
(Star copy.)

THE SEWERAGE COMMITTEE  
will receive

APPLICATIONS FOR FIREMEN  
at Sewerage Pumping Station until SAT-  
URDAY, February 24. Applications  
should be addressed to R. E. GLOVER,  
fe20-3t Chairman Sewerage Committee.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.—NOTICE  
is hereby given that the law firm of  
Porter and Bland, hitherto existing, has  
this day been dissolved. Either partner  
is authorized to collect and receipt for  
bills due the late firm.

JOHN W. H. PORTER,  
CHAS. T. BLAND.

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 1st, 1900. fe18-5t

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Grade No. 2 we will sell for \$1.00 per  
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For Sale or Rent.

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To secure the best bargains on the mar-  
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Real Estate and Rental Agents,  
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should. We cannot slight the goods, and we will not slight the making. Our  
standing as leading tailors is too valuable for that. Convince yourself by seeing  
the extensive line before placing your order for spring.

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18x36 LINEN HUCK TOWELS FOR 12½c. 22x45 DOUBLE WARP TURKISH  
FOR 12½c. A FULL LINE OF SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND BOLSTER  
CASES.

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Our Christmas Novelties are by far the best we have ever had. We promise to  
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They give instant relief and permanent  
comfort. Are more effective than any  
other truss made. We also carry a steel  
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